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### Post-Office Notifications.

It is hereby notified for general information that under the provisions of a Treasury Warrant, which will come into operation on the 1st October next, correspondence addressed to Constantinople will be forwarded at the following reduced Rates of Postage, which must be paid in advance.

**For Letters :**  
20 cents each half-an-ounce weight.

**For Newspapers, Packets of Patterns, and Books :**  
2 cents each, two ounces up to half-pound, 8 cents for every additional half-pound.

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
*Postmaster General.*

**General Post Office,**  
Hongkong, 23rd, September, 1869.

It is hereby notified for general information that hereafter closed mails for the United Kingdom will be made up at this date and forwarded to London by the United States Mail Packet via San Francisco. Correspondence intended to be forwarded this route must be addressed via "San Francisco."

**For Letters, Newspapers, Books and Patterns, to be liable to the same rates of postage those sent by the British Mail Packets to Southampton viz :—**  
For Letters, 24 cents per half-ounce.  
For each Newspaper not exceeding 4 ounces, 4 cents.  
For a packet of Books or Patterns, 8 cents 4 ounces.  
For the Postage must in all cases be paid in advance; correspondence not fully prepaid to be sent via Suez.

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
*Postmaster General.*

**General Post Office,**  
Hongkong February 1, 1869.

It is hereby notified that under the provisions of a Treasury Warrant dated 7th May, the Postage on a Letter not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight posted to Hongkong or at any of the Ports in the East and Japan addressed to Egypt, or sent to Egypt addressed to Hongkong or at any of the Ports in China and Japan, and conveyed in the Mails by British Packet, is reduced from Twenty-four Cents to Twelve Cents.

**For Letters exceeding half-an-ounce in weight a further rate of Twelve Cents per half-ounce is chargeable.**

**The repayment of this Postage is compulsory.**

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
*Postmaster General.*

**General Post Office,**  
Hongkong, July 15, 1868.

—On the last October next, and thenceforward, Money Orders will be issued at the Office and at the Agencies thereof at Hongkong and Yokohama on all the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for amounts not exceeding £20, at the rate of Exchange provided for each Mail, and charged with Commission according to the following Table:

sums not exceeding £2	12	Cents.
£2 and not exceeding £5 <td>5</td> <td>24</td>	5	24
5	7	11
7	10	49

—No Money Order to include a free of Post and a free of Penney.

—Orders drawn in the United Kingdom, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, will be paid at the rate of Exchange at which Money Orders are being issued at the time of their presentation.

—Alphabetical Lists of over 3,000 Order Offices in the United Kingdom, showing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public reference at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

—A Money Order must contain, in full, the surname, and, at least, the initials of one Christian name, both of the Remitter and the Payee; if the Remitter be a Peer or a Bishop, his title will be sufficient; if a firm, the designation of such firm, such as "Messrs Brothers" will suffice; but the designation of such firm, such as "Messrs. B. & Co." or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as "Messrs. Barron Co." is inadmissible.

—The Remitter on stating that the Order is to be paid only through a Bank, to the effect of giving up, withdrawing, or crossing the Payee; in which case, the words "or crossed" the same way as when the Order is not crossed, and when they are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

—When an Order is presented through a Bank, a receipt by any person will be given, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be countersigned by some Person known to be in the employ of such Bank.

—The signature of the Payee of a Money Order to be affixed to the Order in the presence of the Remitter, and the signature provided for the purpose. If the Remitter be unable to write he must sign the Order by making his mark in the presence of two witnesses, who must sign their names, and be affixed in the presence of the Officer who issues the Order.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 22nd August, 1868.

REGISTRATION OF LETTERS AND BOOK PACKET SYSTEMS EXTENDED TO THE COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

It is hereby notified for general information, by order of His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, that, the system of registration has been, from this date, extended to letters and other descriptions of correspondence transmitted by the Post, in the Mails by both the British Contract Packets and by Private Ships, between this Office and each Agency thereof, in China and Japan, viz.: Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama, and also between any two of these Agencies.

The fee for registration, is 6 cents each letter, &c.

No Letter, Book, or Packet of Patterns can be registered unless the full postage upon it, as well as the registration fee, be paid in advance in postage Stamps.

Letters, &c., for registration will be received up to half an hour before the time fixed for closing the Mails.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 13th October, 1869.

It is hereby notified for general information, by order of His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, that henceforward Book Packets, and Packets of Patterns or Samples of Merchandise, may be transmitted through the Post by the Mails made up to be forwarded, both by the British Contract Packets and by Private Ships, between this Office and each Agency thereof, in China and Japan, viz.: Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama, and also between any two of these Agencies, at the following rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, viz.:

Not exceeding 4 oz.	6 cents.
Above 4 oz., and not exceeding 8 oz.	12 "
Above 8 oz., and not exceeding 1 lb.	24 "
Above 1 lb., and not exceeding 1 1/2 lb.	30 "
Every additional 1/2 lb.	12 "

Special attention is directed to the following rules and regulations which will be strictly enforced:—

AS REGARDS BOOKS.

A Book Packet may contain any number of separate Books. Almanacks, Maps or

Hongkong, October 13, 1869.

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### CHAIR AND BOAT HIRE.

The following Regulations for Street-Chairs and Chair-Coolies, bear date Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd April, 1869.

There are two Classes of Street Chairs, Ordinary and Special.

All Street-Chairs may carry persons who have no need of them up to any hour, but Ordinary Chairs may not *ply for hire* after first gunfire (8 P.M.), nor Special Chairs after midnight.

As Special Chairs are secured for a higher sum (\$50 than Ordinary Chairs (\$25), it is for the interest of the Public to engage only the former after gunfire.

Each Street-Chair carries a Number, and its two Coolies a Badge each, bearing the same Number as the Chair.

The Numbers and Coolies' Badges of Special Chairs are White, (1 to 200).

The Numbers and Coolies' Badges of Ordinary Chairs are Blue, (201 to 700).

When ground of Complaint arises against any Street Chair-Coolie, the person aggrieved may either hand the offender over to the Police, or send a memorandum of the complaint and the Chair's Number to the Registrar General.

When Street Chair-Coolies are suspected of having retained missing property, the Number of their Chair should be sent to the Registrar General at once without any loss of time.

Each Street-Chair carries on the back of its Number Board a Tariff of Fares condensed from the following.

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### LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR-BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

*Chairs, or Ordinary Pullaway Boats.*

Half, .....	12 cts.	Three hours, .....	50 cts.
Hout, .....	20 cts.	Six hours, .....	75 cts.
Day (from 6 to 6), .....	One Dollar.		
Night Fares (after 8 P.M.), .....	10 cts. extra		

*Chair Hire to Out Districts.*

Beyond Victoria and back, 50 cts. per man.  
To Stanley and back, 80 "

\*Victoria lies below the level of Robinson Road, and includes all the town between the Mint and the Western Slaughter House, with the Race-course.

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### Licensed Reavers (each).

Hour, .....	3 cts.
Half day, .....	20 cts.
Day, .....	36 cts.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.**

The science of Medicine has never before produced any remedy that can be compared to this wonderful Ointment, as it cures after all other means have failed, all wounds, sores, ulcers, and also the most inveterate skin diseases peculiar to the climates of India and China. It is the true friend of the Soldier and Civilian, as certain old sores can be removed by it that cannot be conquered by any other treatment.

Hongkong, February 1, 1897.

**NOW READY.**

(AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.)

PRICE \$1.00.

**THE  
ANGLO-CHINESE CALENDAR  
MANUAL.**

A Handbook of reference for the determination of Chinese Dates, during the period from 1860 to 1899; with comparative Tables of Annual and Mensural Designations, &c., &c. Compiled by WILLIAM FREDERICK MAYER, H.M.C.S.

*Author's Preface.*

Most persons whose avocations or studies are connected even remotely with Chinese subjects are wont to confess the need of a convenient manual of reference for the purpose of determining dates according to either the European or the Chinese method of computation; and a system of comparison for the names attributed to years, months, and other periods is also frequently a desideratum with translators and readers of Chinese literature. The compiler of the following tables has thought, accordingly, that their publication in a convenient form may prove useful, although much yet remains to be done for the elaboration of Chinese calendars, etc. that should have nothing to be desired. With the exception of the Cyclic Table of Years, and the Table of Solar Terms, both of which were originally compiled by Dr. Morrison, and afterwards republished with improvements in Williams' *Commercial Guide*, from which (with some alteration) they are now copied, the whole of the material assembled in the following pages is for the first time made accessible to general reference.

Published by C. A. HAINY, China Mail Office, Hongkong.

8.—Indian Presidencies,—Bengal, Madras, Bombay.  
9.—Ceylon.  
10.—English and French Weights, &c.  
11.—United States of America.

CHAP. VII.—*SECT. 1 TO 6.*  
*Tables on Prices, Exchanges, &c.*

- 1.—Comparison of Prices.
- 2.—Relating to Exchange.
- 3.—Relating to Time.
- 4.—Comparison of Weights.
- 5.—Measurement of Cargo.
- 6.—Bullion Operations.

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APPENDIX.—Containing Sailing Directions for the Coast of China, and for the Japan Islands; also giving the meanings of Chinese Words occurring in Charts and Sailing Directions; and also a Table of Positions of places on the Chinese and Japanese Coasts.

The author in his Preface says:—"The tables in Chap. VII., for estimating prices, measurement of cargo, exchanges, &c. have been selected from those constantly in use among the foreign merchants in China. Those for calculating the prices of tea in dollars or pence have been copied from the more extended tables, by the kind permission of the author, P. Loureiro, Esq. The last section of the same chapter on "Movements in Bullion" has been prepared and furnished for the Guide by Patrick R. Harper, Esq., of the Commercial Bank of India at Hongkong, who has had much experience in the exchanges and movements of the precious metals in Eastern Asia.

"The Appendix of Sailing Directions has been reprinted from the "China Pilot." With short interruptions, the coasts from Singapore to Hakodadi are all described in it; and for the Chinese coasts, the Directions have been improved by the insertion of the Chinese characters for the names of all places that could be ascertained."

Orders may be sent through any of the China Mail Agents, or direct to

CHARLES A. SAINT,  
(Late A. Shortrede & Co.)  
China Mail Office, Jan. 6, 1863.

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For Sale.

The Hongkong Signals,  
Also  
the Principal House Flags,  
belonging to and frequenting Hongkong,  
PRINTED IN COLORED  
PAPER.



